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AT the Court at St. *James's*, the 22d of *March*, 1719.

This Day the Right Honourable William Earl of Coventry was, by His Majesty's Command, sworn one of the Lords of His Majesty's most Honourable Privy Council, and took his Place at the Board accordingly:

And His Majesty having appointed his Lordship to be Lord Lieutenant of the County of Worcester, he likewise this Day in Council took the Oaths appointed to be taken instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy.

By the King,

A PROCLAMATION,

GEORGE R.

Whereas by an Act of Parliament made in the first Year of the Reign of our Royal Predecessor King Henry the Seventh, Intituled, [An Act shewing the Penalty for Hunting in the Night, or with disguising,] *reciting, that forasmuch as before that time divers Ordinances and Statutes had been made in divers Parliaments for the Punishment of inordinate and unlawful Huntings in Forests, Parks, and Warrens, within this Realm; notwithstanding which Statutes and Ordinances divers Persons in great Numbers, some with painted Faces, some with Visors, and otherwise disguised, to the Intent they should not be known, riotously, and in manner of War arrayed, had oftentimes then of late hunted, as well by Night as by Day, in divers Forests, Parks and Warrens in divers Places of this Realm, by Colour whereof had ensued great and heinous Rebellions, Insurrections, Riots, Robberies, Murders, and other Inconveniencies; which Offences, in certain Cases in the said Act specified, are thereby declared to be Felony; and that if any Person or Persons should thereafter be convict of any such Huntings with painted Faces, Visors, or otherwise disguised, to the Intent they should not be known, or of unlawful Hunting in time of Night, that then the same Person or Persons so convict, should have like Punishment, as he or they should have, if he or they were convict of Felony: And whereas we have received Information upon Oath, that in Defiance of the Act above recited, and of several other Statutes and Ordinances made in Parliament, which do provide severe Punishments against such Offenders, divers Persons, amounting to the Number of fourteen Men on Horseback, all armed with Guns, and some with Pistols, and two Footmen with a Greyhound, did, in a violent and outragious Manner, on the two and twentieth Day of February last past, at Four of the Clock in the Afternoon, come into Bigshot-walk in Finchamsted Bailiwick in our Forest of Windsor, with their Faces blacked and disguised, some with Straw Hats and other deformed Habits, and did there pursue and shoot at our Red Deer, and did continue Hunting there till after Six a Clock, in which time they did kill four Deer there, three of which they carried away whole, and did cut off the Haunches of the fourth, and left the rest of the Carcase, and did terrifie and threaten the Keeper of our said Walk to shoot him, if he offered to come near them: To the Intent therefore that a speedy and effectual Stop may be put to all such outragious Practices, we have thought fit, by and with the Advice of our Privy Council, to issue this our Royal Proclamation: And for the Encouragement of all Persons to be diligent and careful in endeavouring to discover and apprehend all the Offenders above-mentioned, we do promise and declare, that whosoever shall discover and apprehend any of the Offenders aforesaid, or who shall discover and apprehend any Person or Persons, who at any time hereafter shall commit the like Offences, in Manner as aforesaid, within our said Forest of Windsor, so as such Person or Persons be convicted of the same Offences, shall have and receive for every one of them so apprehended and taken, and convicted, as aforesaid, the Sum of one hundred Pounds Sterling; which said Sum of one hundred Pounds for every one of them, the Lords Commissioners of our Treasury are hereby required and directed to pay accordingly: And if such Person so discovering and apprehending, shall have been an Accomplice with any of the said Offenders, and by reason thereof stands in need of our most gracious Pardon, we do hereby further declare, that such Person shall have our most gracious Pardon.*

Given at our Court at St. *James's* this Twenty second of *March*, 1719 And in the Sixth Year of our Reign.

God save the KING.

Genoa, March 19. Letters from Naples of the 8th of this Month advise, that on the 7th a Ship arrived there from Trapani with an Account that the Men of War and Transports, having on board the Imperial Forces, which had been so long detained at Melazzo by contrary Winds, arrived at Trapani on the 3d Instant. On the 17th arrived here a Courier in 17 Days from Madrid, with Dispatches for the Marquess de Lede, and an Order of the King of Spain for his agreeing to a Cessation of Arms, and to the Evacuation of the Kingdoms of Sicily and Sardinia. This Courier brought a Letter for Mr. Davenant the British Minister here, by which he was desired in his Catholick Majesty's Name to give him a Passport for his safe Passage to Sicily; which that Minister having done accordingly, the said Courier proceeded on his Journey Yesterday Morning.

Brussels, March 23. The Deans of the Companies of this City met several times last Week to deliberate on the Subsidies demanded of them by the Marquess de Prié for the Service of the last and current Year, but have not yet come to a Resolution thereupon. The Marquess de Prié has under Consideration certain Plans and Estimates relating to the repairing and augmenting of the Fortifications of the principal Places of these Countries now in the Emperour's Possession, and especially the Port of Ostend. Yesterday the Prince of Holstein Beek, Governour of Ypres, took the Oath for that Employment in the Presence of the Marquess de Prié, according to the Form settled by the Treaty of Barrier; and the like has been done by M. de la Rue, who in the late War surprized Fort Knocque, and was made Governour of it by the States General.

St. James's, March 23.

Philip York, Esq; is appointed His Majesty's Sollicitor-General.